CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

5   1.   A method of facilitating an icon selection from a plurality of icons on a desktop comprising the steps of:

     enabling a user to enter a file extension, the file
10   extension being an extension of a file being represented by the icon to be selected;

     comparing the entered file extension with file extensions of all files represented by an icon on the
15   desktop; and

     grouping all icons that represent files having the same file extension as the entered file extension at a location on the desktop.
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    2.   The method of Claim 1 wherein the location is a location close to a device with which the icon may be selected.

25 3.   The method of Claim 2 wherein the device is a pointing device.

    4.   The method of Claim 3 wherein the pointing device is a mouse pointer.
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5. The method of Claim 1 wherein folders containing files and/or icons representing files with the entered extension are grouped at the location of the desktop.

5   6. The method of Claim 5 wherein the location is a location close to a device with which the folders may be selected.

7. The method of Claim 6 wherein the pointing device is a
10   mouse pointer.

8. A computer program product on a computer readable medium for facilitating an icon selection from a plurality of icons on a desktop comprising:
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   code means for enabling a user to enter a file extension, the file extension being an extension of a file being represented by the icon to be selected;

20   code means for comparing the entered file extension with file extensions of all files represented by an icon on the desktop; and

   code means for grouping all icons that represent files
25   having the same file extension as the entered file extension at a location on the desktop.

9. The computer program product of Claim 8 wherein the location is a location close to a device with which the
30   icon may be selected.

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10. The computer program product of Claim 9 wherein the device is a pointing device.

11. The computer program product of Claim 11 wherein the pointing device is a mouse pointer.

12. The computer program product of Claim 8 wherein folders containing files and/or icons representing files with the entered extension are grouped at the location of the desktop.

13. The computer program product of Claim 12 wherein the location is a location close to a device with which the folders may be selected.

14. The computer program product of Claim 13 wherein the pointing device is a mouse pointer.

15. A system for facilitating an icon selection from a plurality of icons on a desktop comprising:

at least one storage device for storing code data; and

at least one processor for processing the code data to enable a user to enter a file extension, the file extension being an extension of a file being represented by the icon to be selected, to compare the entered file extension with file extensions of all files represented by an icon on the desktop, and to group all icons that represent files having the same file extension as the entered file extension at a location on the desktop.

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16. The system of Claim 15 wherein the location is a location close to a device with which the icon may be selected.

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17. The system of Claim 16 wherein the device is a pointing device.

18. The system of Claim 17 wherein the pointing device is a mouse pointer.

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19. The system of Claim 15 wherein folders containing files and/or icons representing files with the entered extension are grouped at the location of the desktop.

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20. The system of Claim 19 wherein the location is a location close to a device with which the folders may be selected.

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